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High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Realization of the Millennium Development Goals and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals for Persons with Disabilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[1] the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[2] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[3] in which persons with disabilities are recognized as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in which it recognized the collective responsibility of Governments to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level, and stressing the duty of Member States to achieve greater justice and equality for all, in particular persons with disabilities,

Noting that, according to the World Health Organization and the World Bank, persons with disabilities make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population, and recognizing the importance of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular for developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 65/186 of 21 December 2010, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session information on the implementation of the resolution, with a view to convening,

[1] A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).
[2] Resolution 48/96, annex.
[3] Resolution 61/106, annex I.

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within existing resources, a high-level meeting at the sixty-seventh session of the Assembly on strengthening efforts to ensure accessibility for and inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development efforts,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities;[4]

2. *Decides* to convene a one-day High-level Meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-seventh session, with the overarching theme "The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond", which shall be financed within existing resources;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the High-level Meeting shall be as follows:

(a) The High-level Meeting will comprise a plenary meeting and two consecutive informal interactive round tables, with the round tables to be chaired by Member States at the invitation of the President of the General Assembly, and that the themes for the round tables will be decided by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States;

(b) The opening plenary meeting will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, and an eminent person actively engaged in matters related to disabilities and a representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, both of whom will be chosen by the President of the Assembly;

(c) The chairs of the round tables will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting;

(d) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each round table will include Member States, observers and representatives of entities of the United Nations system, civil society, organizations concerned with persons with disabilities and the private sector;

4. *Further decides* that the High-level Meeting will result in a concise, action-oriented outcome document, and requests the President of the General Assembly to produce a draft text, in consultation with Member States, taking into account input from organizations led by persons with disabilities, and to convene informal consultations at an appropriate date in order to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States prior to the Meeting;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to consider including in their delegations to the High-level Meeting persons with disabilities, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination;

6. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who will participate in the High-level Meeting;

7. *Also invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other non-governmental organizations, relevant civil society

[4] A/66/128.

organizations and the private sector who may participate in the High-level Meeting, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, and to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis;

8. *Encourages* all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private sector entities and other relevant stakeholders to consider supporting the participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular delegates who are persons with disabilities and representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations from developing countries, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in this regard;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the Meeting, including the length of the meetings, the identification of an eminent person and a representative of persons with disabilities to speak at the opening plenary meeting and the identification of chairs for the round tables, bearing in mind the level of representation and equitable geographical representation.